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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY CHAIRMAN OF GOA'S COMMITTEE FOR
THE STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT OF INDUSTRIES

REF: CANBERRA 4286

1. SUMMARY: SIR JOHN CRAWFORD, CHAIRMAN OF GOA COMMITTEE
ESTABLISHED TO ADVISE THE GOA ON LONG-TERM POLICIES FOR
STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT OF INDUSTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE MORE
HIGHLY PROTECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, HAS CONTACTED
EMBASSY FOR FURTHER FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE. THIS IS A
FOLLOW-UP TO EARLIER REQUESTS FROM W.B. CARMICHAEL OF THE
HEAD OFFICE OF THE INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (IAC)
FOR ACCESS TO U.S. EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND CONGRESSIONAL
COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS AND, POSSIBLY CONSULTATIONS, ON STRATEGIES
FOR NATIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE IAC HAS BEEN AN ARDENT,
BUT LONELY VOICE (SO MUCH SO THAT THE GOA HAS RECENTLY BEGUN
TO CLIP ITS WINGS) IN THE NASCENT MOVEMENT IN AUSTRALIA TO
TAKE THE HARD DECISIONS TO MOVE AWAY FROM HIGH LEVELS OF
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PROTECTION AND TO ATTEMPT TO MOVE THE AUSTRALIAN BUREAUCRACY
AND INDUSTRY TOWARD THE ACCEPTABILITY OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION
AND THE REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AS THESE WOULD BE RELEASED
FROM PROTECTED INDUSTRIES IN THE HARD PROCESSES OF STRUCTURAL
ADJUSTMENT.

3. THROUGH EARLIER CONTACTS WITH AND REFERENCES FROM THE

AMBASSADOR, SIR JOHN AND THE IAC HAVE OBTAINED COPIES OF AMERICAN REPORTS WHICH ARE DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO THE QUESTIONS OF STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT; INDUSTRIAL MANAGERS; STRATEGIES FOR NATIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT; RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL GROWTH POLICY PROCESSES; THE SHAPE OF AMERICA IN A CHANGING WORLD AND PARTICULARLY IN ITS THIRD CENTURY; PROBLEMS OF AMERICAN POLICY MAKING AND EXISTING POLICY INSTITUTIONS; THE NATIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION; THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND ITS STRENGTHENED TECHNICAL STAFF; THE CENTER FOR STATISTICAL AND POLICY ANALYSIS; PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL POLICY-MAKING PROCESS(AND HOW INVOLVING THE PUBLIC AT EVERY STAGE OF POLICY-MAKING WILL ENSURE AN OPEN, DEMOCRATIC PLANNING PROCESS); INTERGOVERNMENTAL DIMENSIONS OF NATIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT; MATERIALS AND COMMODITIES POLICY; THE AMERICAN APPROACH TO PLANNING; THE CONGRESS AND GREATER COORDINATION AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF A STRONGER JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.

4. CRAWFORD (THROUGH CARMICHAEL) STATES THAT THE PRINCIPAL VEHICLE THEY WILL BE USING TO ANALYZE EMERGING PRESSURES FOR STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN AUSTRALIA IS AN ECONOMIC-DEMOGRAPHIC MODEL OF THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY AND ARE THEREFORE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING ACCESS TO COPIES OF TECHNICAL AND ANALYTICAL PAPERS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN INFLUENTIAL IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE USG OR CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON STRATEGIES FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT. IN OTHER WORDS, TECHNICAL/ANALYTICAL DOCUMENTATION ON WHICH THE AUTHORS OF THE REPORTS IN PARAGRAPH THREE ABOVE HAVE BASED THEIR FINDINGS; THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE MATERIALS (INCLUDING UNPUBLISHED PAPERS) PREPARED FOR CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES AND ENVISION THE EXCHANGE OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL. ALTHOUGH THE IAC HAS RECEIVED DATA FROM CONGRESSMAN WYCHE FOWLER JR. ON THE U.S. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL GROWTH POLICY AND PROCESSES, AND HAS, AT THE CONGRESSMAN'S SUGGESTION, BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE CHAIRMAN. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON SUPPLIES AND SHORTAGES, SUITE 800, 1750 K STREET, NORTHWEST, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006, THEY FEEL THAT TO MEET THEIR DEADLINES FOR REPORTING TO THE GOA ON THIS CRITICAL AREA, THE AUSTRALIAN STUDY GROUP ON STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT NEEDS TO BENEFIT FROM U.S. EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE.

5. TO THIS END, SIR JOHN HAS ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR W.B. CARMICHAEL TO VISIT WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH THE FOREGOING INCLUDING THE RELEVANT CONGRESSMEN AND CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES (AS WELL AS THE APPROPRIATE GAO TEAMS) IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, PREFERABLY

IN EARLY JULY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIONS AND ACCESS
TO THE BACKGROUND AND DOCUMENTATION SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH
FOUR ABOVE.

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6. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT ANY CONSIDERATION OF
THE AUSTRALIAN FORMULA TARIFF REDUCTION OUTLINED IN REFTTEL,
WILL BE ENTIRELY CONTINGENT UPON COMPLETION OF THE CRAWFORD
REPORT AND THAT, SINCE CURRENT PLANS ARE FOR THE REPORT TO
BE TABLED IN LATE AUGUST, IT IS NOW CRITICAL TO KNOW WHAT
THE REACTION WILL BE OF THE USG AS TO THIS REQUEST.

7. IF IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE USG (AND THE RELEVANT
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES/AGENCIES) TO RECEIVE THE GOA
REPRESENTATIVE - INITIALLY W.B. CARMICHAEL - SIR JOHN
CRAWFORD HAS ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR ANY
PORTION OF HIS VISIT TO BE COVERED BY THE USG, THAT IS PER
DIEM, SIDE TRIPS IN THE U.S. THAT MAY BE RELEVANT (I.E.,
TO THE CONFERENCE BOARD OR ELSEWHERE AS DETERMINED
APPROPRIATE OR NECESSARY).

8. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY COMMENT AND/OR
SUGGESTIONS ON THIS REQUEST IN ORDER THAT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER,
THE IAC CAN BE PUT STRAIGHT ON THE USG INTEREST AND, INDEED
WHETHER THERE EXISTS THE BODY OF KNOWLEDGE AND BACKGROUND
DOCUMENTS THAT CRAWFORD AND THE IAC SUPPOSE. WE HAVE GIVEN
NO ENCOURAGEMENT AS REGARDS FUNDING. WE HAVE ALSO MADE NO
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COMMITMENTS WHATSOEVER.

9. COMMENT: GIVEN THE GOA'S FOOTDRAGGING HISTORY OVER THE MTN AND THE PRODDING THAT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO GET IT TO EVEN SIT AT THE TABLE TO MAKE AN OFFER, AND THE PM'S HIGHLY VISIBLE (PERHAPS EVEN PR) APPROACH TO THE DIRE SITUATION (AS HE SEES IT) OF THE WORLD ECONOMY, AND HIS GOVERNMENT'S HARD TALK ABOUT PROTECTIONISM; THE NEEDS OF THE THIRD WORLD; AND MARKET ACCESS, IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THIS IAC INITIATIVE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED - TO THE EXTENT THAT THE USG MAY BE ABLE TO DO SO - AND WE THEREFORE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY READING ON THIS REQUEST. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND AND DATA ARE BEING SENT TO EA/ANP BY POUCH FOR INFORMATION. SQUIRE

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